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MEDIA BUREAU IDENTIFIES GROUPS OF MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN THE OCTOBER 2007 FILING WINDOW FOR NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM STATIONS

By: Chief, Media Bureau

In October 2007, the Media Bureau ("Bureau") received approximately 3,600 applications to construct new noncommercial educational ("NCE") FM stations.¹ The Bureau has processed each of the approximately 1,230 applications that fall into the following categories: singletons, those that could be accepted for filing, and those that were subject to dismissal. On March 7, 2008, the Bureau released a Public Notice that identified most groups containing four or fewer applications.² On June 18, 2008, the Bureau released a Public Notice that identified groups containing thirteen or fewer applications.³ At this time, the Bureau is announcing substantially all remaining groups. As required by Section 73.3573(e)(4)⁴ of the Commission's Rules, the Bureau announces that it has identified the following groups of mutually exclusive applications listed in Attachment A. An applicant that believes that an application has been either erroneously included or erroneously excluded from any of the mutually exclusive groups listed in Attachment A should bring this matter to the attention of the Audio Division within 30 days.

If applicants in a mutually exclusive group identified in Attachment A are negotiating a settlement or share time arrangement, they should advise the Audio Division within 30 days to withhold further processing of the pertinent applications pursuant to Section 73.7004(d) of the Commission's Rules. Otherwise, the Bureau will begin comparative analyses immediately following the expiration of this 30-day settlement period. 6

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¹ See Media Bureau Announces NCE FM New Station and Major Change Filing Procedures, Public Notice, 22 FCC Rcd. 15050 (2007).

² See Media Bureau Identifies Groups of Mutually Exclusive Applications Submitted in the October 2007 Filing Window for Noncommercial Educational FM Stations, Public Notice, 23 FCC Red. 3914 (MB 2008).

³ See Media Bureau Identifies Groups of Mutually Exclusive Applications Submitted in the October 2007 Filing Window for Noncommercial Educational FM Stations, Public Notice, 23 FCC Red. 9508 (MB 2008).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573(e)(4).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 73.7004(d).

⁶ See id. at §§ 73.7002 and 73.7003.